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TAGS: PINT, PO
SUBJ: INTERROGATION OF CONSULATE EMPLOYEE CRUZ
1. CONSULATE EMPLOYEE VICTOR CRUZ TOLD US THAT DURING HIS TWO-
WEEK DETENTION HE WAS INTERROGATED ONLY ONCE. THE INQUIRY BOARD
PRESENTED HIM WITH THREE WRITTEN QUESTIONS: WAS HE AN AGENT OF
A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? DID HE PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS OF JUNE 6?
WAS HE A MEMBER OF MAPA? THE BOARD WAS SURPRISED WHEN HE
TOLD IT OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR'S REQUEST FOR HIS ASSISTANCE TO
CALM CROWDS ON JUNE 7. OBVIOUSLY IGNORANT
OF THE INCIDENT, THE BOARD ASKED FOR DETAILS. CRUZ THEN OVERHEARD
COMMODORE ROCOU THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, SAY THAT THE INCIDENT WAS
ONE MORE BLACK MARK AGAINST GEN PINTO DE MAGALHAES. AT END OF
INTERROGATION RICOU ASKED CRUZ NAMES OF IMPORTANT VISITORS THE

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CONSULATE RECEIVED. CRUZ EXPLAINED HE HAD NO IDEA SINCE LOCATION
OF HIS OFFICE PROHIBITED HIM FROM SEEING WHO CAME AND WENT.
2. CRUZ INDICATED PRISONERS WERE POORLY TREATED FIRST SEVERAL
DAYS. ONCE VISITORS WERE ALLOWED, MANY FROM TERCEIRA VISITED
THEM AND CRUZ THOUGHT THE PRISONERS' PRESENCE HAD POLITICIZED MANY
TERIERENSES. THE PRISONERS COULD DETECT NO REASONING BEHIND THE ORDER
OR TIMING OF THEIR RELEASES. CRUZ SAID HE WOULD NEVER FORGET
HOW HE WAS TREATED, PARTICULARLY THE EFFECT HIS ARREST HAD ON HIS
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FAMILY; OTHER PRISONERS FEEL THE SAME WAY.

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3. COMMENT: CRUZ'S ACCOUNT OF HIS INTERROGATION CONFIRMED
LTC MIRANDA'S ACCOUNT OF TWO FACTIONS IN THE MILITARY,
ONE LED BY COMMODORE RICOU AND THE OTHER BY GEN PINTO
DE MAGALHAES. IT ALSO SUPPORTS MIRANDA'S JUDGMENT THAT CRUZ
WAS ARRESTED BECAUSE HE WORKS FOR THE CONSULATE. THE BITTER
FEELINGS THE ARRESTS CAUSED WILL INCREASE THE DETERMINATION
OF MAY SEPARATISTS.
4. ABOVE RELAYED TO GEN WIGLEY, COMUSFORAZ.
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